

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 18, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. A. Knudsen  
Rep. Swanson  
Rep. Webber

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 81, 1/11/2017; HB 103, 1/11/2017; HB 162, 1/11/2017

**HEARING ON HB 81**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 81, Revise publication and distribution requirements for MAR and ARM.

00:02:46 Rep. Webber joined meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:55 Jeff Hindoen, Secretary of State Office(SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:10 Rep. Curdy

**HEARING ON HB 162**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:02 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 162, Provide appropriation for purple heart scholarship program.

**EXHIBIT**(sth13a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:46 Char Gatlin, Military Order of the Purple Hearts (MOPH)

00:19:07 Seth Whitfield, Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

00:21:27 Andrew Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:34 Rep. Greef

00:23:41 Rep. Peppers

00:24:29 Rep. Greef

00:24:32 Rep. McKamey

00:24:48 Rep. Peppers

00:24:56 Rep. McKamey

00:25:31 Rep. Peppers

00:25:38 Rep. Shaw

00:26:11 Rep. Peppers

00:26:14 Rep. Webber

00:26:25 Rep. Karjala

00:26:51 Char Gatlin, MOPH

00:28:10 Rep. Karjala

00:28:28 Char Gatlin, MOPH

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00:30:53 Rep. Skees

00:31:15 Rep. Peppers

00:32:32 Chair Mandeville

00:32:41 Rep. Peppers

00:32:46 Chair Mandeville

00:32:51 Rep. Peppers

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:10 Rep. Peppers

**HEARING ON HB 103**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:49 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 103, Generally revise election laws - administrative cleanup.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:51:11 Derek Oestreicher, Secretary of State Office (SOS)

00:52:38 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Records and Election Administrators (MACREA)

00:54:31 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:55:01 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:55 Rep. Staffanson

00:56:47 Derek Oestreicher, SOS

00:57:14 Rep. Staffanson

00:57:32 Alan Miller, Secretary of State Office(SOS)

00:57:55 Rep. Staffanson

00:58:22 Alan Miller, SOS

00:59:15 Rep. Skees

01:00:37 Rep. Custer

01:01:48 Rep. Skees

01:02:03 Alan Miller, SOS

01:03:38 Rep. Skees

01:04:32 Alan Miller, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:56 Rep. Custer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:09:31

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth13aad.pdf](#))**